



# *Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors*

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### **RAINEY PROPOSES NEW VOTER REGISTRATION PLAN FOR MILWAUKEE COUNTY**

#### **His Resolution Would Create a “Voter Registration Program” in Social Services Departments**

Milwaukee County Supervisor Khalif Rainey introduced a resolution today that would create a “Voter Registration Program” that allows Milwaukee County residents to register to vote when they apply for, renew or update information for social services in Milwaukee County.

The resolution, which will be considered at Thursday’s Judiciary, Safety and General Services Committee meeting, would require that Milwaukee County social services departments provide forms and assistance for voter registration to make registration more convenient.

“There are some who are trying to suppress voting, and this resolution will make it easier for people to register to vote,” Rainey said. “The right to vote is sacred in America, and we want to make sure that voter registration is made easier and more convenient for all eligible Milwaukee County residents.”

The resolution also calls for Milwaukee County to forward the completed voter registration forms to appropriate local election officials and requires officials to provide timely notification in conjunction with the Milwaukee County Election Commission to voter registration applicants as to whether their applications are accepted or rejected.

In addition, the resolution requires the program should include an automated text messaging system where voters can receive text alerts prior to and on election days.

“This resolution is aimed at increasing voter participation,” Rainey said. “The right to vote is a fundamental right, and this resolution will increase voter participation. It is basic common sense to do whatever we can to increase voter participation and this resolution will provide a convenient vehicle for those who might not otherwise register and vote.”

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